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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a progressive jackpot, comprising:
a progressive management device including:
an interface; and
a progressive engine for maintaining a progressive game, the progressive management device being coupled by the interface to a first gaming system and a second gaming system, the first gaming system including a first set of progressive payout parameters and the second gaming system including a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters, the first set of progressive payout parameters including a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot, the progressive management device operable to, in response to receiving a wager amount from the first gaming system, change a the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the changed percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and second gaming system.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, the progressive management device further comprising:
an analysis engine operable to examine a plurality of gaming systems and progressive payout parameters; and
an integrator operable to integrate progressive games having different progressive payout parameters into a single progressive jackpot.

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3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device is coupled to the gaming systems through a network.
4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device includes a currency conversion device for converting data provided from one of the gaming systems into a predetermined currency.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the currency conversion is performed in real-time.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the progressive management device is operable to provide information on the progressive game to user gaming interfaces, wherein the information includes a value of the progressive jackpot.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the information is provided to the user gaming interfaces in real-time.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a value of the progressive jackpot is reset when a user attains the progressive jackpot.

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9. (Currently Amended) A method for including systems having different progressive payout parameters into the same progressive jackpot, comprising:

initiating a progressive game;

providing a first gaming system to participate in a progressive jackpot, the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters including a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot;

providing a second gaming system to participate in the progressive jackpot, ~~the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters and~~ the second gaming system having a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters, the second set of progressive payout parameters including a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot;

changing, in response to a received wager amount, a the percentage of the wager amount to be applied by each gaming system to the progressive jackpot, the changing being based on the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters, wherein the percentage of the wager amount to be applied by each gaming system is adjusted such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the changed percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming systems.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

analyzing the first and second set of progressive payout parameters.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising a ~~plurality of~~ third gaming systems, wherein the percentage of wager to be applied for each gaming system is calculated such that the product of progressive payout parameters of the wager amount necessary to participate in the progressive jackpot, the odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot are equal for each gaming system.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the progressive payout parameters include game odds.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the progressive payout parameters include a currency type.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a progressive jackpot, comprising:
a progressive management device coupled to a gaming server, the gaming server including two or more gaming systems, wherein a first gaming system includes a first set of payout parameters and a second gaming system includes a second set of payout parameters that is different from the first payout parameters, the progressive management device operable to select a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot in response to a received wager such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the selected percentage of the wager to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming systems.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method for including gaming systems having different currency types in a progressive jackpot, comprising:

identifying one or more gaming servers seeking participation in a progressive jackpot;

analyzing characteristics of each gaming system, wherein the characteristics include the currency type of the gaming system and a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot;

converting the currency type of each gaming system into a standard currency;

~~including one or more gaming systems in the progressive jackpot by changing a the~~
percentage of a wager amount applied to the progressive jackpot for each gaming system participating in the progressive jackpot such that a product of a wager amount to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and ~~[[a]]~~ the changed percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal to a constant;
and

for each received wager amount

identifying a source gaming system of the received wager amount;

selecting an appropriate percentage of the received wager amount to apply to the progressive jackpot; and

applying the appropriate percentage of the wager amount to the progressive jackpot.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

validating the progressive payout parameters for the gaming systems participating in a progressive jackpot, including:

verifying that game odds and a payoff are consistent and within predetermined criteria;

and

including validated gaming systems in the progressive jackpot.

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17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of gaming systems;

a first gaming server;

a second gaming server; and

a progressive management server coupled through a network to the first gaming server and the second gaming server, the first gaming server belonging to a first enterprise and the second gaming server belonging to a second enterprise, each enterprise of the first and second enterprises including one or more gaming systems being coupled to one of the first or the second gaming servers.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a progressive outcome, comprising:

receiving data at a progressive management device concerning a wager amount placed by a user of a participating gaming system, the gaming system including progressive payout parameters including a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to a progressive jackpot;

changing, in response to the received data, a the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to a progressive based on progressive payout parameters analysis, the analysis including selecting a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot, where the percentage of the wager amount is selected such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the changed percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for each participating gaming system;

incrementing the progressive jackpot by the selected percentage of the wager amount;

executing a random number generator calculation using the odds from the gaming system progressive payout parameters; and

transmitting results of the random number generator calculation to a participating gaming system.

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20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein a percentage of a wager to be applied to a progressive jackpot is determined through retrieval of previous analysis results from a database.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, stored on a computer-readable medium comprising instructions, for including gaming systems having different progressive payout parameters into the same progressive jackpot, the instruction operable to cause a programmable processor to:

initiate a progressive game;

provide a first gaming system to participate in a progressive jackpot, the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters including a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot;

provide a second gaming system to participate in the progressive jackpot, ~~the first gaming system having a first set of progressive payout parameters and~~ the second gaming system having a second set of progressive payout parameters that is different from the first set of progressive payout parameters, the second set of progressive payout parameters including a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot; and

in response to a received wager amount, change a the percentage of a wager amount to be applied by each gaming system to the progressive jackpot, the calculation being based on the first and second sets of progressive payout parameters, wherein a percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is adjusted such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the changed percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for the first and the second gaming system.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising instructions operable to:

analyze the first and second set of progressive payout parameters.

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23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, stored on a computer-readable medium, for determining a progressive outcome, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

receive data at a progressive management device concerning a wager placed by a user of a participating gaming system, the gaming system including progressive payout parameters including a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to a progressive jackpot;

change, in response to the received data, a the percentage of the wager to be applied to a progressive jackpot based on progressive payout parameters analysis, the analysis including instructions to select a percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot, where the percentage of the wager amount is selected such that a product of a wager amount necessary to participate in a progressive jackpot, an odds of winning the progressive jackpot, and the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot is equal for each participating gaming system;

increment the progressive jackpot by the selected percentage of the wager amount;

execute a random number generator calculation using the odds from the gaming system progressive payout parameters; and

transmit results of the random number generator calculation to a participating gaming system.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, the progressive management device further comprising:

a first component operable to identify a source gaming system associated with a received wager amount; and

a second component operable to select [[a]] the percentage of the received wager amount to apply to the progressive jackpot and to apply the selected percentage of the wager amount to the progressive jackpot.

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25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, where ~~calculating~~ changing ~~[[a]]~~ the percentage of a wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot for each received wager amount includes:

identifying a source gaming system of the received wager amount;

selecting an appropriate percentage of the received wager amount to apply to the progressive jackpot; and

applying the percentage of the wager amount to the progressive jackpot.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, the progressive management device further comprising:

a first component operable to identify a source gaming system associated with a received wager amount; and

a second component operable to select ~~[[a]]~~ the percentage of the received wager amount to apply to the progressive jackpot and to apply the selected percentage of the wager amount to the progressive jackpot.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, the analysis including:

identifying a source gaming system for the wager amount; and

selecting ~~[[a]]~~ the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, the instructions to ~~calculate~~ change the percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot further comprise instructions to:

identify a source gaming system of the received wager amount;

select an appropriate percentage of the received wager amount to apply to the progressive jackpot; and

apply the appropriate percentage of the wager amount to the progressive jackpot.

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29. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 23, the instructions to analyze further comprises instructions to:

- identify a source gaming system for the wager amount; and
- select an appropriate percentage of the wager amount to be applied to the progressive jackpot.